

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An oral composition comprising microcrystalline cellulose having an average particle diameter of equal to or smaller than 10 micrometers, and one or more surface active agents selected from the group consisting of alkyl glucoside, sucrose fatty ester and betaine.
2. (Previously Presented) The oral composition of according to claim 1, wherein the cellulose is contained at 0.2-10 % by weight of the oral composition.
3. (Withdrawn) The oral composition according to claim 1, wherein the surface active agent is alkyl glucoside.
4. (Withdrawn) The oral composition according to claim 3, wherein an alkyl chain of the alkyl glucoside is C8-C16 in length.
5. (Canceled)
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7. (Previously Presented) The oral composition according to claim 1, wherein the surface active agent is betaine.
8. (Original) The oral composition according to claim 7, wherein the betaine is fatty acid amide propyl betaine.
9. (Original) The oral composition according to claim 8, wherein an alkyl chain of a fatty acid portion of the fatty acid amide propyl betaine is C8-C16 in length.
10. (Previously Presented) The oral composition according to claim 1, further comprising a cationic antimicrobial agent.
11. (Previously Presented) An oral composition comprising a cationic antimicrobial agent

and microcrystalline cellulose having an average particle diameter of equal to or smaller than 10 micrometer.

12. (Previously Presented) The oral composition according to claim 11, wherein the cationic antimicrobial agent is a quaternary ammonium salt.

13. (Previously Presented) The oral composition according to claim 11, wherein the cationic antimicrobial agent is a biguanide antimicrobial agent.

14. (Previously Presented) The oral composition according to claim 11, wherein the cationic antimicrobial agent is one or more selected from the group consisting of cetylpyridinium chloride, benzalkonium chloride, benzethonium chloride, chlorhexidine hydrochloride and chlorhexidine gluconate.

15. (Previously Presented) The oral composition according to claim 11, wherein the cationic antimicrobial agent is contained at 0.001-10% by weight of the oral composition.

16. (Previously Presented) The oral composition according to claim 11, wherein the microcrystalline cellulose is contained at 0.2-10 % by weight of the oral composition.

17. (Previously Presented) The oral composition according to claim 11, further comprising one or more surface active agents selected from nonionic and amphoteric surface active agents.

18. (Withdrawn) The oral composition according to claim 17, wherein the surface active agent is alkyl having an alkyl chain of C8-C16 in length.

19. (Original) The oral composition according to claim 17, wherein the surface active agent is fatty acid amide propyl betaine having an alkyl chain of a fatty acid portion of C8-C16 in length.